

nize, but in shade and along hedgerows, where conditions are more favorable it develops normally. These fields have not been ploughed and re-seeded in many years, and the *Carex* appears to be a permanent feature of the vegetation. I can certify that its relative proportions have not varied in five or six years.

*Agrostis canina* L. It is surprising how many experienced collectors have failed to find this *Agrostis*, and it is probably a rare species in New England. There is a fine station for it in Franklin, in a low lying sphagnous meadow.

*Juncus effusus* L. var. *conglomeratus* Engelm. This variety, which has been reported from only two or three stations in the United States, occurs in the same meadow. This is the station cited by Professors Fernald & Wiegand in their recent article on "The North American varieties of *Juncus effusus*," RHODORA 12: 86.

*Juncus effusus* L. var. *compactus* Lejeune & Courtois. This is another product of the same attractive meadow. Mr. C. H. Bissell collected it here July 21, 1910.

*Festuca rubra* L. var. *subvillosa* Mert. & Koch. I have found this variety in dry, rather barren, hillside pastures, where it is associated with the species, and is not rare. Although it so closely resembles the species, it is not difficult to distinguish between the two in the field. It has not been reported from elsewhere in Connecticut. My first collection was made in 1904.

*Artemisia annua* L. has become a troublesome weed about one house, where it persists as an escape from an old garden.

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CYNANCHUM NIGRUM IN BARNSTABLE, MASSACHUSETTS.—While I was taking a walk from Hyannis to Barnstable, July 14, 1910, I came across two large patches of a curious twining plant, with the pods of a milk-weed, and small, dark purple flowers. These stations, one on each side of the railroad track, were about a mile east from Barnstable court-house, beside an old and little-used highway. Examination showed the specimens to be *Cynanchum nigrum* (L.) Pers., an introduced plant from Europe, probably prized in the olden time for some not very obvious merit, officinal or ornamental.—CLARENCE H. KNOWLTON, Hingham, Massachusetts.